

Dublin, 30th of November

1857

Dear Sir May

As to Mr. J. W. Powell who took & omitted to convey my letter to Barton, I never heard of his name before. But I suspect he was somebody known to somebody in Liverpool who knew Miss Gifford, for I think I find that letters to her used to go by hand. This delay explains to me how Miss Gifford had occasion to write to me twice about the Liberator & the worksteed of Gladstone, read Mr. Aspinwall. I mean to write to her. - [I have written to her.]

In the matter of the apple-wethers Mr. Powell has the wethers of his Chapman - but Mrs. You should bear me for his Chapman - but Mrs. Chapman expected to know whether I had disturbed anything, and as I know she is perhaps trying on such points, I told her I took the money. Next time I will tell her if she asks me that I have given directions to settle with the U.S. about the charge. - I know Mrs. Chapman has a notion that I am deficient in judgment about such matters of business - but I do the best I can - as one can do under the circumstances. It is difficult for them at a distance to judge how others are placed. Now, for example, I have had occasion lately as a master of duty, & because I thought his services called for some such acknowledgment to speak well of Rev. J. Mathew, how if a man is to be known by his fruits (& I know no other way) this poor man has worked very hard for the cause in England,

a great poverty - and yet I know him Chapman
dishes him and it's probably best to let
I have said for him. I can't help this. other
things being equal, if we could get orthodox ministers
to help the cause, I would prefer them as they
would be more likely to attract other helpers.

The Howard is in the name of the ship that arrived
the affair that has been lost. A good part
of the sum falls on Wilcox & Co. So far as
I sent for the company, asking for sum for my
self at the same time.

What was in the parcel from say I do not
know, except ~~as~~ a portrait of the Human Senate
that he was sending to me at my request.

About the authority transmitted to him
you: that, again, seems not to have been the
fault of any one here. The Box was directed
to Bunting and sent to Mr. Headley, the Liverpool
Clerical agent for transmission to Bunting under
the impression that it would be sent to direct.
They did not do so that care must be taken
in future that express direction to them
effet an firm. His Edmundson brother Henry
Wishart, said they always sent from Edinburgh
to the Post as they then had some connection
which gave charge.

When I wrote to you that I had sent £10 to
Silroy to help him off - I had not actually sent
the money - but I desired his Liverpool friend
David Marples, a printer, to hand it to him if
it would help him to pay his paper, & that on
receiving his acknowledgement from Mr. Marples
I would send him the money. After some
days he wrote to me that he had given the

money, and that he was poor - but that he
thought it better not to mention who gave it. how
I suspect that Galvin was so disappointed with an
ps not according to his application for leave sumt
such as £250 - £50 - £20, &c. in addition to any
annual ^{£250} loan that he would probably have received
the money from me, even in the extremity to which
he was reduced in his anxiety to get him, which
was such that he talked of throwing himself into
the dock unless he could get off. In one letter
he said he wished he had never "darkened my doors."
he several times said I was "cracked" and was
"mad" when I differed in opinion from him.

I refer to this matter again because he is now on his
way home & he may be here in Boston. Whether I
will ever get my £200 again, I do not know - but
if he should say anything about me, I wish them
should be some one on the spot who may know how
matters stand. Otherwise I don't desire to have
him mentioned to him in any way. I believe
and his ^{his} master's brother here to be an upright
man - that he will pay if he can. I was asked
him for interest of his own advantage on his
loan - which was made at some inconvenient
place - a debt to help a man engaged in a fraud
anti Slavery work. My master or master with him
when he wrote shortly before he left Liverpool, to
get me to advance money to set him a cabin
pahay, & £200 ps him other affairs, was the
most unfeeling and ^{by it} Lewis had with any one. It was
a perfect mental blight - and my turn I thought,
were taken off ^{by it} far back than I could afford
from my own pocket. I am sure he dealt with
this master to be known at Boston & only with
t. You that you may have my side of the
story if he speaks of me. He seemed to me to have
a perfectly just cause turned of his name being traded in

connected with his birth which he said would render his life unsafe in the United States. What will become then of Mrs Stowe, Helper and F. W. Walker? - not to speak of the numerous abolitionists?

This unlucky Mrs Jacob Davis the son about her. Her maiden name was French and when quite an old maid she married a Mr French, a poor artist, with whom she lived happily for some years - how there is a poor widow with a heart much larger than her purse. She was so long "French" that people are apt to overlook her married name through the mistake in your care. However, strange to say, it was not my but my wife who made the blunder. I have no doubt the papers go all right - but as the poor woman prefers her married to her maiden name, you had better call her Mrs Jacob in future.

On receipt of yours ~~sketches~~, I sent them & your letter to Mr Nicholl of Flaxjars that she might attend to them & to you when immediately. You speak as if surprised you had had no answer - but this when you last wrote to me you would have been impossible unless the electric telegraph had been completed.

I send you a statement of account to the present time from which you will see that I am due £28.11.1. probably owing to the unlucky nature of the Howard's cargo. My son and I intend in future to take this balance into our ledger & to receive and pay all accounts for you - so that it will save us both from trouble & make a difference only of course in payment from hereafter.

Since I had your last letter I wrote to Mr Nicholl again on your behalf - requesting him to communicate with you in order to save time

You are truly

R. W. Webb